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BEGIN SUMMARY: UN BUREAU DIRECTOR URGES EARLY DECISION TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR KOREAN RESOLUTION AND SAYS ROKG HOPES TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON DRAFTS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND COVERING EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AT JULY 29 CORE GROUP MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR CHUNG WOO-YOUNG TOLD POLCOUNS JULY 27 MOFA HAD INSTRUCTED ITS MISSION IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS WITH USUN THREE DRAFT CHANGES IN PROPOSED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, POSSIBILITY REACHING EARLY DECISION TO SEEK PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND EARLY AGREEMENT ON DRAFT TEXT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM. SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPH ONE SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE TO COMPRISE NEW INITIAL PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPH. ROK SIDE DOES NOT PLAN TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC WORDING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS CHANGE; (B) PHRASE TOWARD END PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPH THREE, "FACILITATE SOLUTION KOREAN PROBLEM," SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ, "FACILITATE THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF KOREA;" (C) PRE-AMBULATORY PARAGRAPH FOUR SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REFLECT SECRETARY'S RECENT PROPOSAL AT SEATTLE. CHUNG HOPD FINAL AGREE-
MENT ON RESOLUTION COULD BE REACHED JULY 29.

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2. WITH REGARD PRIORITY QUESTION CHUNG SAID ROK OFFICIALS DID NOT BELIEVE THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE TOO LONG. ROK UN MISSION INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH US BEFORE JULY 29 CORE MEETING AND URGE US TO DECIDE TO SEEK PRIORITY EITHER BEFORE OR POSSIBLY DURING NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN COLOMBO. IF WE AGREE ROKS HOPE TO BUSCUSS QUESTION AND REACH FINAL DECISION TO GO FOR PRIORITY IN CORE MEETING JULY 29. CHUNG INDICATED AS PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR (SEE REFTEL) THAT FOR TACTICAL REASONS BEST WAY TO DO THIS MIGHT BE TO INSERT STATEMENT IN COVERING EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM THAT WE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW OUR RESOLUTION IF HOSTILE RESOLUTION NOT INTRODUCED.

3. WITH REGARD EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM CHUNG SAID ROK DEL NEW YORK ALSO INSTRUCTED TO PRESS FOR FINAL DRAFT AT JULY 29 MEETING.

4. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION CHUNG REFLECTED DESIRE OF FONMIN AND OTHER SENIOR ROK OFFICIAL TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY ON ABOVE QUESTIONS SINCE IT ANTICIPATED NORTH KOREA MOST LIKELY HAVE ITS RESOLUTION SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER NON-ALIGNED MEETING. ROKG CONTINUED TO BELIEVE PRIORITY COULD PROVE TO BE IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE.
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